separate reports after taking into consideration the views of the Delhi Administration and examining the matter, the Government decided to initiate appropriate action against the concerned officers indicated in the report submitted by Miss Mittal.

Miss Kusum Mittal had inducted 72 police officials. Of these 13 have retired and 3 have died. Of the remaining 56 police officials, charge-sheets have been served on 49 officials. In respect of 7 officials, charge-sheets could not be served either because of certain directions of the Central Administrative Tribunal or because of the proceedings having been stayed.

The charges against the police officials primarily relate to dereliction of duty.

Demands of Women Organisations

1052. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report appearing in the Hindustan Times of 22nd September, 1992 under the caption "Woman's protest on rape";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that several woman organisations in Delhi protested against the increasing violence on women specially custody rape cases all over the country allegedly by the policemen and others;

(c) if so, what are the details of such custody rape cases State-wise during each of the last three years and so far in 1992;

(d) what were the demands of the women organisations; and what action Government have taken thereon; and

(e) what action Government have taken against police officials and others found guilty ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Such a news item did appear in the Hindustan Times dated 22nd September, 1992.

(c) The registration, investigation, detection and prosecution of crimes is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Details of such cases are not separately compiled by Central agencies.

(d) The main demand of the Woman's organisations was death sentance for rapists. However, no memorandum of demand from the Women's organisations has been received in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(e) The Government of India have issued guidelines to the State Governments time to time to ensure that police personnel to have in a humane manner, that alleged cases of police excesses are taken serious note of and dealt with firmly wherever they occur.

Issues relating to human rights violations have been receiving special attention at the Government of India level. State Governments have also been advised to set up special cells to monitor and ensure effective action in such cases. In a recent Conference of Chief Ministers on Human Rights held on 14th September, 1992, issues pertaining to setting up of a human rights commission, guidelines for protection of vulnerable sections of society, custodial crimes, prison reforms and police training were discussed. In pursuance of the Resolution passed in the Conference, it is expected that the State Governments will take appropriate steps to deal sternly and expeditiously wherever cases of violation of human rights occur.

Open Manholes Hazards

1053. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI SHUSILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether open manholes on Delhi's road, lands and bylanes present serious

hazards to human life particularly children;

(b) the number of manhole deaths during 1990, 1991 and so far in 1992 due to fall in manholes and the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent such accidents and the action taken against Municipal staff and those concerned for negligence leaving manholes open and uncovered; and

(d) what was the amount of compensation paid to the next of kin of those killed in such accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The MCD has reported the number of deaths due to fall in manholes as under :—

Year & No. of deaths
1990—Nil
1991—3
1992—Nil.
(Upto 31-10-92)

(c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that following steps have been taken to prevent such accident.

(i) Control Rooms have been set up in each zone for receiving complaints regarding missing manhole covers.

(ii) Manhole covers have been provided at such Control Room for replacement as soon as a complaint is received.

(iii) Periodical survey is being conducted by the Sanitation Department of MCD to replace manhole covers where missing.

Municipal Corporation of Delhi has stated that one Assistant Sanitary Inspector and one Safai Karamchari have been placed under suspension.

(d) An amount of Rs. 5,000/- is given as *ex-gratia* relief to the bereaved families in such cases.

Secessionist Activities of Pattali Makkal Katchi

1054. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the Times of India (New Delhi) dated the 11th October, 1992 under the heading 'No more garden of peace';

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware about the anti-national and secessionist activities of Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Reports have been received by Government of India about the activities of Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) in Tamil Nadu. The Government is alive to the issues concerned.

Attacks on Indians in Jammu Region by ISI of Pakistan

1055. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the attack on Indian by the Inter-Services Intelligence of Pakistan has been extended to Jammu also; and

(b) what steps Government are contemplating to stop Pakistan's infiltration and killing the people in Jammu region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) In the recent months, militants, with the active support of Pakistan, have stepped up violence in some areas of the Jammu Region, particularly the Doda district.